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Ron Manderscheid Receives the Howery Memorial Award from the National Association for Rural Mental Health

The historic and prestigious Victor I. Howery Memorial Award is given each year by the NARMH Board of Directors to an individual who has made significant and sustained contributions to the rural mental health field. We are delighted to announce that this year's recipient is Dr. Ron Manderscheid, Executive Director of NARMH and NACBHDD.

While at NIMH, SAMHSA, and in his current roles, Dr. Manderscheid has provided policy leadership and resources for rural mental health. He was instrumental in establishing staff leads in NIMH and SAMHSA for rural mental health issues and concerns, and he served as the primary liaison between the rural mental health community and the Clinton health reform efforts. More recently, he has provided leadership around the implementation of the Affordable Care Act in rural counties. Dr. Manderscheid was the first recipient of NARMH's Going to Bat Award in 1996.

"We greatly appreciate Dr. Manderscheid's lifetime efforts on behalf of rural mental health and health," according to Paul Mackie, NARMH President." His landmark work has blazed enduring trails for all of us to follow."

The National Association for Rural Mental Health is a professional association committed to improving the availability, accessibility and acceptability of mental health services for rural Americans. NARMH is a chain that links diverse rural voices of clinicians, researchers and consumers to high quality training opportunities, the latest rural mental health research and best practices. NARMH makes policy recommendations, advocates for members, and develops rural leaders of tomorrow to make recovery possible for those with mental illness.

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